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Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Peacock Mining Company, Inc., Sandra J. Project, S/019/039 (ML-47374), Grand County, Utah

Dear Mr. Bohrer:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations information, received by the Division on March 18, 1997. The application for the proposed Sandra J. Project, located in the S ½ of the NE 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of Section 32, T19S, R26E, SLBM, Grand County, Utah is incomplete. Please provide the following information:

- ▶ A description of the actual mining process (typical size of gravel excavations, process of screening and washing the gravels, the handling and placement of reject materials, location and typical size of ponds, length and size of water pipeline/hose).
- ▶ A scaled drawing of the proposed mining operations and disturbed area as described in your response to the description information requested above. Include locations of: excavations, reject materials, ponds, pumps, pipelines, screening/processing areas, equipment staging areas, trailers, generators, fuel tanks.
- ▶ An estimate of the amount of area to be disturbed annually

Your proposal states that areas will be reclaimed shortly after being disturbed. This practice of concurrent reclamation is encouraged and appreciated by the Division. Concurrent reclamation can minimize your reclamation costs and bonding requirements. Please be advised that according to the Division's Minerals Rules an area may not be considered fully reclaimed and released for up to three years after the site was reseeded. This can have the effect of cumulating the mining disturbances created over three years. As long as this total area considered "disturbed" by the Division is five acres or less you will be able to maintain a "small mine" status under our rules.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give

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special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling any salvaged topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help in achieving successful revegetation.

A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will forward a copy of this letter and your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

Approval of mineral exploration or mining operations by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining does not constitute approval to commence operations upon lands under state mineral leases administered by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA). Before conducting mining operations on state leased lands you will also need to receive approval from SITLA. We have received a copy of the March 24, 1997, letter from SITLA to you which requested additional information before they can approve of your proposal. Please provide our office with a copy of your response to their letter as well.

Because your proposed operation is within close proximity to the Colorado River you may need approvals from the Division of Water Quality, Division of Water Rights, and Army Corps of Engineers. Your project may also be subject to BLM requirements in accordance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

The Division will suspend processing of this notice until the additional information requested has been received. If you have any questions you may contact me by phone at (801) 538-5267. Please reference our file number S/019/039 in any written correspondence. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure

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